

into and through the esophagus rather than the patient's trachea, the improvement comprising the step of detecting the presence of CO₂ adjacent said distal tube end by connecting said feeding tube to a CO₂ monitor, said feeding tube comprising an elongated tube presenting a distal end and a proximal portion designed to remain outside the patient and a fixture operably coupled with said proximal portion in order to permit attachment of said CO₂ monitor to said tube.

14. The method of claim 13, said amount-detecting step comprising the step of coupling a proximal portion of said tube with a CO₂ detecting machine in order to detect CO₂ passing through the tube from said distal end to said proximal portion.